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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION VISITS SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

1. NORTH KOREAN MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IS CURRENTLY VISITING FINLAND AS GUEST OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP). SON SUNG PIL IS LEADING THREE MAN DELEGATION OF "KOREAN LABOR PARTY". OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS IDENTIFIED AS CENTRAL COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES KANK SUK-ZU AND ZU KYONK SUN.

2. VISIT RETURNS LOWER LEVEL VISIT MADE BY SDP DELEGATION LED BY MP ANTTI POHJANEN IN JUNE 1974. SDP HAS INFORMAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREANS TO EXCHANGE DELEGATIONS EVERY OTHER YEAR.

3. SON'S GROUP ARRIVED IN HELSINKI FEBRUARY 24 AND HAS ALREADY CALLED ON SDP CHAIRMAN (AND FOREIGN MINISTER) KALEVI SORSA IN HIS PARTY CAPACITY. GROUP HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SDP SECRETARY GENERAL ULF SUNDQVIST AND SDP'S INTER-NATIONAL COMMITTEE. MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH SDP YOUTH, TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES AND FINNISH-KOREAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY. DELEGATION ALSO VISITING PARLIA- UNCLASSIFIED

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MENT AND HELSINKI UNIVERSITY. ONLY CONTACTS WITH

GOVERNMENT PLANNED ARE COURTESY CALL ON SORSA (IN HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY CAPACITY) AND ON SON'S "OPPOSITE NUMBER", CENTER PARTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION PAAVO VAYRYNEN.

4. BOTH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND COMMUNIST PAPERS HEADLINE SON'S CRITICISM OF UNITED STATES IN FEBRUARY 26 EDITIONS. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT FORUM USED FOR THIS CRITICISM. SON CHARGES SITUATION IN KOREAN PENINSULA VERY TENSE; THAT US IS INCREASING ITS TROOPS AS WELL AS ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ROCKETS IN SOUTH KOREA; AND THAT US AND SOUTH KOREA ARE PREPARING FOR ALL OUT WAR ON THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF KOREA. SON ALSO REFERRED TO "THE" RESOLUTION APPROVED BY 30TH UNGA CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS. HE SAID US AT ONCE NOTIFIED ITS DEFIANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

5. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH ROK EMBASSY HERE RE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO TAKE WITH GOF.

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